WHAT IF... REV 7/2011

QUICK REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS

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Address or Name Change

- 3. Voter's name marked with "?" but voter did not move
- 4. Voter moved within same precinct, or voter changed name only
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Pollbook

- 8. Voter's name marked with " F" or " R " or " T " on pollbook
- 9. Voter's name not on pollbook
- 10. Voter's name omitted from pollbook in error
- 11. Person is not qualified to vote
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Absentee

19. Absentee voter appears at the polling place to vote.

Extension of Poll Hours

20. Poll hours extended by court order

Abbreviations & Notations

AB Absentee Ballot

AB LIST Final Absentee Ballot Report CAP Central Absentee Precinct

EPB Electronic Pollbook
ID Identification
OP Outside Polls
PBC Pollbook Count

S Voter has completed required statement

(including Affirmation of Eligibility, Affirmation of Identity)

SOR Statement of Results

§ 24.2 Title of the Code of Virginia, also known as the Virginia Election Laws

Explanation of Symbols by Voter's Name (on EPB may be shown on list, in voter's details or otherwise):

- Voter must complete form before voting to verify current residential address. (EPB may show "inactive" or "address confirmation required") Action depends on whether, when and where the voter moved (Problems 3-7). Problems 4-7 also may apply if the voter's name is not marked with "?".
- A Voter has **assigned number** instead of Social Security Number on voter rolls (Problem **18**). (This applies to <u>very few</u> voters. A **column of "A's"** (with an occasional "I" on the EPB, indicates **"active"** (vs. "inactive") **status**, not "assigned number."
- H or HA Voter must provide special "HAVA" ID required for federal elections; EPB may say "personal ID required" (Problems 1 and 2)
- Federal only overseas voter eligible to vote in federal elections only (Problem 8)
- R Permanently registered overseas eligible to vote in all elections (Problem 8)
- Temporarily registered overseas voter eligible to vote in all elections (Problem 8)

On EPB the F, R or T may be shown under "ballot style."

If voter has questions about any requirement, voter may call the State Board of Elections' Policy office: 800-552-9745.

WHAT IF... Identification

Problem Explanation Action to Take

1. ID Requirements - In all elections, voters shall be asked for identification. The type of identification required and procedures differ depending upon the type of voter.

Step 1: Determine the type of voter and type of identification required:

Type of Voter	ID Requirements	Procedure
	(See Problem #1 for details and important notes.)	if No ID
	Note: Voter needs only one form of identification.	(See Problem #2 for details and important notes.)
Regular Voter	 One of the following IDs: Virginia voter card, or Social Security card, or Valid Virginia Driver's License (Note: licenses expiring within 30 days before election day will be considered valid for use as voter ID), or Any other ID issued by a Government Agency of: The Commonwealth of Virginia (including a public college or university in Virginia), or One of the Commonwealth's political subdivisions (counties, cities, towns, etc.), or The United States, or Any valid Employee ID Card 	Use Affirmation of Identity form and cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct
	containing a photo and issued by the voter's employer in the ordinary course of business.	
HAVA Voter (voter's name marked with "H" on pollbook.)	A current and valid photo identification, such as: valid Virginia Driver's License, or employee photo ID, or student photo ID or passport, or	Use Provisional Ballot.
	 A copy of one of the following current documents containing the voter's name and address: a utility bill, or bank statement, or paycheck, or government check or other government document (including a Virginia voter card), or a document from any federal, state, or local government agency. 	

Important!

Never turn a voter away because of lack of ID.

WHAT IF...

Identification

1. ID Requirements (continued)

Step 2: For all voters who show an acceptable ID, compare preprinted ID with information on pollbook.

Do **not** record the type of ID examined.

Do the name and address on the ID match the information in the pollbook?

1) If name and address are not the same as the pollbook:

- Ask voter where he/she is currently residing.
- If voter has moved or changed name, see Problems **4 7**. If not, see instructions to right.

Note: Some acceptable forms of ID do not include a residence address.

2) If <u>name</u> is the same as the pollbook: :

- State voter's name and address.
- Mark off next PBC number and enter PBC number in pollbook
- OR, on **EPB**, check in the voter (PBC increments automatically).
- Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

Problem	Explanation	Action to Take
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2. Voter has no acceptable ID

Step 1. Determine type of voter.	Option One Any voter marked with an "H" or "HA" on the pollbook (or EPB) may show "HAVA ID required" or "personal ID required": 42 USC § 15483 (of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002") § 24.2-643(E)	Option Two All other voters: § 24.2-643(B)
Step 2. Determine type of identification required.	See Problem #1.	See Problem #1.
Step 3. Process Voter	 Follow procedures under Problem #12 for Provisional ballot, except: Check box #3 on the back of the green envelope as the reason the voter is voting a Provisional Ballot, check reason #3 on the Provisional Voter Notice, and enter reason #3 when completing the Precinct Provisional Ballots Log. Note: For the "H" or "HA" voter, the fully completed, signed provisional ballot envelope satisfies the ID requirement. The enclosed provisional ballot will be counted if the voter is otherwise qualified. 	 Use Affirmation of Identity form. Complete the information at the top of the form. Have voter sign and print his name on Section B of the Affirmation of Identity. State the voter's name and address Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in appropriate columns in pollbook. OR on EPB, check in the voter and set voter flag to "S" per instructions. Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct. Note: A person without ID who refuses to sign the Affirmation of Identity may not vote. Do not enter a PBC number or "S" in the pollbook.
Important!	 Do not offer this voter an Affirmation of Identity. Do not enter voter's name and address on pollbook. (As with other Provisional voters, do not enter PBC number next to this voter's name.) If using EPB, check voter as provisional if so instructed (PBC will not increment). Do not offer this provisional voter a new registration form unless needed for another reason (moved, changed name, etc.) Do not allow this voter to vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct. 	 Do not pull this voter out of the main line to complete the Affirmation of Identity. Do not detain or delay this voter in any way unless there are other problems. Do not send this voter home to get an ID. Offer the Affirmation of Identity form. Important! Never turn a voter away because of lack of ID.

Voter Has Moved

The determination of whether a voter can vote in the precinct where the voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move (original precinct) after moving depends on:

- 1) How far did the voter move? and
- 2) When did the voter move?

	How far did the voter move?			
When Did Voter Move?	Within Precinct?	Within County/City and Congressional District (but <u>not</u> same precinct)?	Within Virginia (but not same County/City or congressional district)?	To another state? (Voter who moves within 30 days of a presidential election may be eligible for a presidential only ballot. See #7)
Before this election day and after November 2, 2010?	Yes: Can vote. See # 4.	Yes: Can vote in the precinct where voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move. See #5.	Yes: Can vote in the precinct where voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move. See #5.	No. See # 7.
Before November 2, 2010 and after November 4, 2008?	Yes: Can vote. See # 4.	Yes: Can vote in the precinct where voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move. See #6.	No. See #6.	No. See # 7.
Before November 4, 2008?	Yes: Can vote. See # 4.	No. See #6.	No. See #6.	No. See # 7.

For detailed instructions please see additional information and important notes below.

WHAT IF... Address Change / Move **Explanation Action to Take**

3. Voter's name marked with ? but voter did

Problem

not move (EPB may show "inactive" or "address confirmation required")

[If voter's address has changed see Problems 4-7 below]

4. Voter moved within

the same Precinct

or Voter changed

[Voter's name may have a ? on pollbook. EPB may show "inactive" or "address confirmation

name only

required"]

Voter's name is marked with ? on the pollbook because of failure to respond to a confirmation notice relating to a change of address, or voter may have been flagged by the registrar to receive a confirmation because of a reported possible address change or returned mail.

eligibility to vote by signing Affirmation of Eligibility.

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the **same** precinct.

To be eligible to vote, this voter must now affirm his

A voter is permitted to vote if the change of address is within

A change of name will not affect the voter's qualification to vote.

If voter's address has not changed:

- Use Affirmation of Eligibility form.
- Officer must challenge voter then initial and complete Section A and check Box A of the Affirmation of Eliaibility form.
- Have voter complete and sign Section B Affirmation of Voter statement before voting.
- State voter's name and address.
- Pollbook:

Paper	Electronic
Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in	Check in voter according to equipment instructions
appropriate columns.	

- Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.
- Have voter **complete and sign** a *Voter Registration Application*, entering former address and/or name under "previous registration."
- State voter's name and address.
- Pollbook

Paper	Electronic
Do not write or enter new address. Mark off	Check in voter according
next PBC counter number and enter PBC	to equipment instructions.
number in pollbook.	
number in polibook.	

Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

5. Voter moved within Virginia before this election day and after November 2, 2010

Question

Did voter move within Virginia after November 2, 2010?

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If answer is yes, voter may vote in the precinct where voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move.

- Have voter complete and sign a Voter Registration Application.
- State voter's name and address.
- Do **not** write or enter the new address on the pollbook.
- Mark off next PBC number and enter PBC number in pollbook
- OR, on **EPB**, check in the voter (PBC increments automatically).
- Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

If answer is **no**, voter might be able to vote. Follow the instructions in problems # 6 and 7.

[Voter's name may have a ? on pollbook. EPB may show "inactive" or "address confirmation required"]

WHAT IF... Address Change / Move

Problem	Explanation	Action to Take
6. Voter moved <u>after</u> November 4, 2008 and <u>before</u> November 2, 2010	1. Did voter move within the same county or city after November 4, 2008 and before November 2, 2010? 2. Is voter's new address within the same *Congressional District? §24.2-401	
[Voter's name may have a ? on pollbook. EPB may show "inactive" or "address confirmation required"]	*Note: Some localities have more than one Congressional District. If you do not have a street file map, call the Registrar's office. If answer is yes to both questions	 If answer is yes to both questions, voter must be challenged by Officer of Election before voting. Have person complete and sign a Voter Registration Application. Use Affirmation of Eligibility form. Officer challenging must initial and complete Section A and complete the Statement of Challenger (checking Boxes D & 4). Have voter read and sign Section B (Affirmation of Voter) and complete form with their name and new address before voting. State voter's name and address. Do not write the new address on the pollbook. Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in appropriate columns in pollbook. OR on EPB, check in the voter and set voter flag to "S" per instructions. Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.
	If answer is no to either question	 If answer is no to either question, person may not vote. Have person complete and sign a Voter Registration Application to be eligible to vote in the next election at new precinct. Note: If any person says he is a registered voter in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election, he must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Follow procedures in Problem #12 and use reasons #1 or 2 (as appropriate).

WHAT IF...

Address Change / Move

Problem Explanation Action to Take

Presidential Elections

7. Voter moved to another State

Questions:

- 1, Did voter move to another state **after** October 7, **2012**?
- 2. Is this a (presidential) election?

If yes to both, voter may vote a ballot in the 2012 Presidential Election for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors only in the Virginia precinct where voter is registered and would have been qualified to vote if not for the move.

A voter who has moved to another state may not vote in any other election or for any other office.

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2012 Presidential

If **no to either**, voter may **not** vote

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If answer is **yes to both**, voter must be challenged by Officer of Election before voting a **Presidential Only Ballot**.

- Use Affirmation of Eligibility form;
- Officer challenging must initial and complete Section A and complete the Statement of Challenger (check Boxes D & 3.)
- Have voter read, and sign Section B (Affirmation of Identity), and complete the form with their name and new address before voting.
- Do not write the new address on the pollbook.
- Tell voter that the Registrar will use the Affirmation of Eligibility to cancel the voter's Virginia registration after this election.
- State voter's name and address.
- Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in appropriate columns in pollbook, along with "PR" (for President), and write "PR" across voter's PBC number on the Pollbook Count Form.
- OR on **EPB**, check in the voter and set voter flag to "**S**" per instructions and indicate "presidential only" in ballot style field or comments, as instructed.
- Issue the **Presidential Only Ballot**. Follow instructions for equipment in use in your precinct if programmed for this ballot style. (Be sure to set machine back to full ballot for next voter.) If not, issue paper **Presidential Only Ballot** and have voter hand folded voted ballot to officer to put unopened into ballot box. (§ 24.2-646).

If answer is **no to either**, person may **not** vote. Inform person he may **not** vote in Virginia.

Ask person to write and sign a note to the Registrar, before leaving precinct, stating that he
or she has moved out of state and asking that his/her Virginia registration be cancelled.
Note should include full name, date of birth, SSN (requested, not required) and new
address. Put note in Envelope 8. (If cancellation forms have been provided to precinct, use
form.)

Note: If any person says he is a registered voter in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election, he **must** be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Follow procedures in Problem **#12** and use provisional reasons #1 or 2 (as appropriate).

Problem	Explanation	Action to Take
8. Voter's name marked with a "F," "R," or "T" on pollbook	Registered overseas voter who may have been issued an absentee ballot.	Officers need to check the pollbook and determine whether an "AB" is listed next to the voter's name. An "AB" indicates an absentee ballot was issued to the voter. If there is an "AB" next to the voter's name on the pollbook, follow the procedures outlined in Problem #19 concerning all absentee voters who appear in the polling place.
(On EPB may be shown in voter's details, message box or ballot style.)	Voters marked with "F" are eligible to vote in federal elections only.	 For "F" voter, if there is no "AB" listed next to the voter's name on the pollbook and the voter does not appear on the Final Absentee Report, the voter was not issued an absentee ballot and is allowed to vote a ballot for federal offices only. State voter's name and address. Mark off next PBC number, enter PBC number and "F" in pollbook, and write "F" across voter's PBC number in the Pollbook Count form. OR, on EPB, check in the voter and set appropriate flag for "F" voter per instructions. Issue the Federal Only Ballot. Follow instructions for equipment in use in your precinct. (Be sure to set machine back to full ballot for the next voter.)
	Voters marked with "R" or "T" are eligible to vote in all elections. § 24.2-443.4 § 24.2-420.1 § 24.2-653.1 § 24.2-708 § 24.2-711	For the "R" or "T" voter, if there is no "AB" listed next to the voter's name on the pollbook and the voter does not appear on the <i>Final Absentee Report</i> , the voter was not issued an absentee ballot and is allowed to vote full ballot for all offices. • State the voter's name and address. • Mark off next PBC number and enter PBC number in pollbook • OR, on EPB, check in the voter (PBC increments automatically). • Have the voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

A person who has moved back to Virginia from overseas should be offered an opportunity to complete a *Voter Registration Application* form to ensure that he or she will be eligible to vote in the next election.

Problem Explanation Action to Take

9. Voter's name is not on pollbook

Possible reasons:

- Registration application received after deadline or not received.
 §§ 24.2-416, 24.2-417
- Voter's registration application was denied due to incomplete information or other requirement. § 24.2-418
- Registration was cancelled for some legally required reason (e.g., DMV noncitizen report) §§ 24.2-427 – 24.2-429
- Voter is in wrong precinct. § 24.2-400.
- Voter's registration was lost by an agency authorized to receive registration forms.
 § 24.2-653(B)

Note: Voter may have a receipt showing registration form was given to a voter drive (not an authorized agency). This is not proof of registration but the receipt may be useful for investigation and prosecution if the drive did not submit the forms by the legal deadline.

Exception military, recently discharge or temporarily overseas: Section 24.2-420.1 provides limited exceptions allowing election day in person registration at the registrar's office for certain active duty or recently discharged military and temporary overseas residents, cohabitant spouses and dependents who are normally absent from their locality, or have been absent and returned to reside there during the 28 days before the election, or were discharged from active duty within 60 days before the election. Check with the general registrar if one of these exceptions might apply.

Before calling the Registrar's Office:

- Check for correct spelling or recent name change.
- Look for name at end of alphabetical section on the pollbook **or** on any separate listing provided by the Registrar.
- If the voter is registered in another precinct, and has **not** moved, provide directions to that polling place.
- If voter has moved from the address where registered, and has not submitted a new timely registration to an authorized agency, see Problems # 4 7 to advise voter whether he/she is eligible to vote in his /her old precinct in this election.
- Ask for person's full legal name, address, social security number, when/where registered to vote, and when/where last voted.
- If voter submitted application by applicable deadline, in person at an agency authorized to receive registration (DMV) ask for any proof of application or ask the registrar to contact SBE if proof is not available.
- Call the registrar and proceed under one of the following three scenarios:
 - Problem 10: if the registrar can immediately confirm qualifications.
 - Problem 11: if the registrar states that the person is not qualified to vote.
 - Problem 12: if registrar is unavailable or unable to confirm qualifications.

Problem	Explanation	Action to Take
10. Voter's name omitted from pollbook in error	Only the Registrar, who has access to all voter registration records, may authorize the Officer to add a voter's name to the pollbook. §24.2-652	 If Registrar authorizes Officer to add voter's name to pollbook: Use Affirmation of Eligibility form. Officer must initial and complete Section A and check Box B. Have voter read, complete and sign Section B (Affirmation of Identity). Enter voter's name and address only on the pollbook at the end of alphabetical section that applies, OR, for EPB, add voter's name per instructions. State voter's name and address. Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in appropriate columns in pollbook. OR on EPB, check in the voter and set voter flag to "S" per instructions. Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.
11. Person is <u>not</u> qualified to vote	The Registrar will advise the Officer if a person is not qualified to vote. 42 USC § 15482 [of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002"].	 Inform person he may not vote. Have person complete and sign a <i>Voter Registration Application</i> to be eligible to vote in the next election. Note: If any person says he is a registered voter in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election, he must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Follow procedures in Problem #12 and use reasons #1 or 2 (as appropriate).

12. Provisional Ballot when:

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- Person's name is not on pollbook;
- The Registrar cannot be contacted or the Registrar cannot confirm the person is registered to vote; and
- The voter says he is registered to vote in the precinct and eligible to vote in the election.
- This is the basic provisional ballot procedure (reasons #1 or 2). When following this procedure for other problems, be sure to check the appropriate provisional voting reason(s) on the provisional ballot envelope, the Precinct Provisional Ballots Log and the Provisional Voter Notice (HAVA-5 form).

Explanation

This voter **may only vote** by casting a Provisional Vote and **must be allowed** to cast a provisional ballot [green envelope].

The Provisional Ballot is **not** counted on election day. It is counted by the Electoral Board on the day after the election if the person is found to be qualified to vote.

§24.2-653 and 42 USC § 15482 [of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002"].

Action to Take

- Have voter complete identifying information and read and sign statement on the green Provisional Vote envelope.
- Have voter check either Box #1 (not listed) or Box #2 (not listed and moved), as appropriate, under "Statement of Voter" on the envelope.
- Officer must also sign envelope and enter precinct information on front.
- Ask voter to show one of the IDs listed under Problem 1.
- If voter has no acceptable ID, use the Affirmation of Identity form (see Problem 2) and check the box below Officer's signature on the green Provisional Vote envelope to indicate Affirmation of Identity was used.

New Procedure:

- Enter voter's information and reason for voting a provisional ballot on the *Precinct Provisional Ballots Log.* (Do not enter a PBC number or any other information on the pollbook for this voter. Do not add voter to pollbook.)
- On the log, circle the number(s) for the reason(s) the person is voting a
 provisional ballot. If additional information needs to be communicated to
 the registrar or electoral board about the voter's qualifications, list that
 below the circled reason(s) (for example, "voter says he registered at
 (agency/location) on/around (date)").
- Have person vote and seal ballot in green envelope.
- Place sealed green envelope in Ballot Box.
- Give the voter the Provisional Voter Notice (HAVA-5 form), with the
 reason(s) the voter cast a provisional ballot checked by the officer. This
 informs the voter when and where Electoral Board will meet the
 following day to consider his qualifications, and provides other required
 notifications.

Voter must be offered a registration application. § 24.2-653 (A)(para. 2,,last sentence).

Explain that completing this application **may** affect his or her eligibility to vote in today's election and the voter may present additional evidence to the Electoral Board documenting his or her eligibility. The *Provisional Voter Notice provides details*.

WHAT IF		Pollbook
Problem	Explanation	Action to Take
13. Voter is <u>challenged</u> by Officer <u>or</u> another	A qualified voter may challenge any person listed on the pollbook who is known or suspected (by the challenger) not to be a qualified voter.	 Explain to voter the qualifications to vote, if necessary. (See information on the <i>Voter Registration Application</i>.) Use <i>Affirmation of Eligibility</i> form. Officer challenging must initial and complete Section A then check Box D.
voter (including representative of Party or Independent candidate)	An Officer of Election must challenge such person. §24.2-651	 Person or officer challenging the voter must complete and sign the Statement of Challenger (in Section A) on the Affirmation of Eligibility form. If the challenger will not complete and sign the form, then the voter has not been challenged and may proceed to check in
	Note: A person who is challenged and refuses to sign the Affirmation of Eligibility statement may not vote. Do not enter PBC number or "S" in pollbook. (See exception below.)	 and vote normally. Have challenged voter read, complete and sign Section B (Affirmation of Voter), if voter chooses to vote. State voter's name and address.
	Note: If any person says he is a registered voter in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election, he must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Follow procedures in Problem # 12 and use reasons #1 or 2 (as appropriate).	 Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in appropriate columns in pollbook. OR on EPB, check in the voter and set voter flag to "S" per instructions. Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.
14. Voter's name already marked with PBC number on pollbook (or already	An Officer of Election must challenge this person. Voter must: • Show identification showing him to be the voter listed on the pollbook and	 Ask voter to show one of the IDs listed under Problem 1 (if name is marked with an "H" or "HA" see HAVA ID Requirements for federal elections) Affirmation of Identity may not be used by this voter. If no ID is presented, or ID does not show person to be the voter listed on the pollbook, this person may not vote. (See exception at left.)

checked in on the EPB)

Affirm his eligibility to vote by signing the Affirmation of Eligibility.

Note:

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Note: If any person says he is a registered voter in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election, he must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Follow procedures in Problem # 12 and use reasons #1 or 2 (as appropriate).

- Compare preprinted ID with information on pollbook. Do not record the type of ID examined.
- If information is the same, use Affirmation of Eligibility form; Officer challenging must initial and complete Section A and check Box C.
- Have voter complete and sign Section B (Affirmation of Voter).
- If voter refuses to sign form, the voter must not be permitted to vote. (See **note** at left.)
- State voter's name and address.
- Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "S" (for Statement) in pollbook next to first PBC number.
- For **EPB**, alert Chief. Deselect that voter record and then check in voter. Annotate actions on voter's notes page and Chief's incident log. EPB count will be <u>under</u> by one. Annotate discrepancy on SOR.
- Have voter cast vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

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Accessibility

WHAT IF... **Explanation Action to Take Problem** 15. Voter asks for A voter may ask for help in voting due to a physical If person is qualified to vote and requests assistance: disability or an inability to read or write (includes needing help to vote Use the Request for Assistance form. ballot translation). If voter is **blind** see The voter's assistant may be an Officer of Election or any are on the back of the form. **#16** below] other person designated by the voter who is not the voter's employer or agent of voter's union. Effective 7/2009: No authorized representative of a candidate or party in the polling place or neutral observer required. authorized by the electoral board under § 24.2-604 may assist a voter or wear any indication that he is available to assist. Effective 7/2009: If a paper or optical scan/marksense ballot is used, assistant (not voter) must deposit ballot in Officer must first ask any authorized representatives of ballot box. §24.2-649 B & C to listen to the officer assist the voter. **Note:** In any precinct in which an electronic voting device with an audio ballot is available, the officer shall notify the

voter requesting assistance of the availability of the audio ballot and instruct the voter in the use of the equipment. The voter shall not be required to use the equipment unassisted.

16. Voter is blind

Follow procedures in #15 above with these modifications.

A blind voter is **not** required to sign the Request for Assistance form but the name of the voter is required.

A blind voter's assistant may be an Officer of Election or any other person designated by the voter.

Note: In any precinct in which an electronic voting device with an audio ballot is available, the officer shall notify the voter requesting assistance of the availability of the audio ballot and instruct the voter in the use of the equipment. The voter shall not be required to use the equipment unassisted.

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- Take voter and assistant aside; explain purpose of Request for Assistance form, if necessary. Excerpts from the laws on assistance
- Have voter sign Section A (Request of Voter) or if voter is unable to sign have assistant write: "voter unable to sign" and print voter's name.
- Have assistant sign and complete section B (Agreement of Assistant).
- Assistant may help voter complete Affirmation of Identity form, if
- Have assistant accompany voter inside booth to assist voter and/or cast voter's vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

Effective 7/2009: If voter asks Officer of Election to translate the ballot:

- parties/candidates in the polling place whether they have a volunteer available who can interpret for the voter in the requested language.
- If available, one interpreter per such party or candidate will be allowed
- Follow procedures above and use Request for Assistance form.
- Any party/candidate interpreter(s) must complete Part C.
- Voter may choose one of the interpreters to assist instead of the officer. New assistant must be qualified to assist (Part B) and complete a new assistance form accordingly.

If person is qualified to vote and requests assistance:

- Take voter and Assistant aside; explain purpose of Request for Assistance form, if necessary. Excerpts from the laws on assistance are on the back of the form.
- Use the Request for Assistance form. Advise voter that his signature on the form is **not** required, but identifying information is required.
- Write "Blind Voter" on signature line in Section A and print voter's name on line below.
- Have Assistant sign and complete Section B.
- Assistant may help voter complete Affirmation of Identity form, if required.
- Allow Assistant to accompany voter inside booth to assist voter and/or cast voter's vote on voting equipment in use in the precinct.

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WHAT IF... Accessibility

17. Voter asks to vote outside polls

Problem

Explanation

A voter who is physically disabled or age 65 or older may ask to vote outside the polls, but within 150 feet of the

Voter should mark ballot in the officer's presence but in a private manner unless the voter has requested assistance

and Request for Assistance form has been completed.

§§ 24.2-638 and 24.2-649

entrance to the polling place.

Action to Take

If person is qualified to vote:

- Mark off the next PBC number. Enter PBC number and "OP" (Outside Polls) in appropriate columns in pollbook. If a paper ballot is used, "P" (Paper) should also be marked on the pollbook.
- OR on EPB, check in the voter and set appropriate voter flag to "OP" (and to "P" if a paper ballot is used) per instructions.
- Take to the voter a Request for Assistance form and pen, if needed, and any required marking device for the ballot to be used.

Three options exist for casting ballot:

- 1. If a **paper ballot** is used, have voter seal voted ballot in Outside Polls Envelope and deposit sealed, Outside Polls Envelope in Ballot Box upon return to the polling place.
- 2. If an **optical scan ballot** is used, the Officer shall immediately cover the voted ballot to preserve the voter's privacy, and deposit the ballot in the counter upon return to the polling place.
- 3. An electronic voting device that is easily portable may be used for curbside voting if all of the following conditions are met:
 - At all times, the voting device must remain in the plain view of two officers of election representing the two political parties or, if
 the use of two officers for this purpose would result in too few officers remaining in the polling place to meet legal requirements;
 the equipment shall remain in plain view of one officer who shall be either the chief officer or the assistant chief officer.
 - The voter shall cast his ballot in a secret manner (Voter may request assistance. See problems 15-16); and
 - After the voter has completed voting, the officer(s) must immediately return the voting device to its assigned location inside the polling place.

By law, **all** of the following information must be recorded on the Statement of Results **each time** a DRE machine is removed for curbside voting:

For Edge, iVotronic, Patriot, TSX or WINvote record:

- The machine number,
- The time that the machine was removed and the time it was returned,
- The number on the machine's public counter before the machine was removed and the number on the same counter when it was returned,
- The name(s) of the officer(s) who accompanied the machine, and
- The **name(s) of the voters** who voted on the machine (effective 7/2009)

For eSlate record:

- The serial number,
- The time that the machine was removed and the time that it was returned.
- Both Officers' affirmation that only one access number was issued to the curbside voter,
- The name(s) of the officer(s) who accompanied the machine, and
- The name(s) of the voters who voted on the machine (effective 7/2009)

Action to Take

18. Paper Pollbook shows, an "A" in the column to the left of the voter's name (on EPB may be shown in voter's details or otherwise)

Problem

These voters do not have a Social Security Number in the system. The Officer is required by law to ask if voter has a Social Security Number.

Constitution of Virginia, Art. II, § 2 § 24.2-418 § 24.2-643(D)

This applies to very few voters. A column of "A's" (with an occasional "I") on the EPB indicates "active" vs. "inactive" status not "assigned number."

Note: The SSN is required for the registration record, if the voter has one, to prevent duplicate registrations and fraud.

Ask voter to complete a new Voter Registration Application form. Next to or above the Social Security Number on the form, the Officer should write "SSN Update." Do not write SSN on the pollbook or ask voter to state it publicly.

Note: The "A" status does not otherwise affect the voter's qualification to vote. Proceed to process the voter normally.

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WHAT IF... Absentee Voter

Problem Explanation Action to Take

19. Absentee voter comes to the polling place to vote

Action to take depends on pollbook status and whether voter has ballot with them.

Provisional voting is required unless the voter can return the ballot at the polls or the officer of election can determine the voter returned an unused ballot to the electoral board office before election day.

REMEMBER: If the voter returns a ballot that is voided and placed in envelope #4, record the voter's name and voter ID number on the

back of the #4 envelope for use on the SOR (Part F) at closing.

§§ 24.2-653.1, 24.2-707, 24.2-708, §24.2-712

Note: Any voter marked with an "F" on the pollbook may vote a ballot for federal offices only. A provisional ballot issued to this voter must be the Federal Only Ballot. See Problem #8.

- 1. Verify status of absentee ballot on final AB list and pollbook
 - a. If status says "Marked" or "On Machine" he/she has already voted and cannot vote again! (If voter claims that he/she did not already vote or request an absentee ballot, you may offer the voter a provisional ballot.)
 - b. If status says "Unmarked", voter can be checked in and vote normally.
 - c. If status says "Issued" proceed to #2.
- 2. For AB voter with "Issued" status
 - a. If voter does not have the ballot, voter must be offered a provisional ballot.
 - b. Call the office before issuing a provisional ballot. Do not send voter to the general registrar/electoral board office!
 - c. If voter has the absentee ballot, proceed to #3.
- 3. If the AB voter has the absentee ballot
 - a. Ask voter to remove ballot from envelope and write VOID across the front of the ballot.
 - b. If the voter has already made selections on the ballot and they are concerned about privacy of their vote, the voter may fill in all the ovals in addition to writing VOID on the ballot.
 - c. Take physical possession of the voided absentee ballot and all related materials, staple everything together, and insert in the #4 envelope (void/spoiled ballots).
 - d. Voter may now be checked in and vote normally.
 - i) Paper pollbook precincts will draw a single line through the "AB" and assign the next pollbook count number to check-in the voter.
 - ii) EPB precincts will need to override the AB using the chief's password in order to check-in the voter.

WHAT IF... Extension of Poll Hours

20. Normal poll closing time extended by court order

Problem

Explanation

Any voter who gets into the line after 7:00 PM, when a court order has extended the normal poll closing time, may only vote by Provisional ballot.

Note: The ID requirements applicable to other voters apply to this voter, including the HAVA ID requirement if voter record is marked "H" or "HA" and a federal office is on the ballot. (See Problems #1 and 2.)

Note: Any voter marked with an "**E**" on the pollbook may vote a ballot for federal offices only. See Problem **#8**.

§ 24.2-653(C).

Action to Take

Follow all other normal procedures under Problems #1 - 19 to look up voter on pollbook, request ID and determine voter qualifications except, as for other provisional voters,

- Do not mark off next PBC number or enter a PBC number in the pollbook, or make any other marks in the paper pollbook for this voter.
- On **EPB**, if so instructed, check in voters as "provisional" and add comment on voter record (for example, "after hours").
- Record each voter's information on Precinct Provisional Ballots Log, circling reason #4 and any other reason that applies to that specific voter.
- Keep these Log sheets <u>separate</u> from those used during normal polling hours. With the first "after hours" voter, begin a new Log sheet, numbering from "page 1" and checking the "after hours" box at the top of each such Log page.

Follow basic procedures under Problem # 12 for issuing a Provisional ballot, except:

- Check Box #4 on the back of the green envelope as the reason the voter is voting a provisional ballot. (Other reasons may also apply.)
- Give the voter the Provisional Voter Notice (HAVA-5 form), checking reason #4 and any other appropriate reasons.
- Do not offer this provisional voter a new voter registration form unless needed for another reason (moved, changed name, etc.).
- After the polls close, all provisional ballots with Box #4 checked on the envelope must be separated from other provisional ballots and placed in Envelope #1B. Include all ballots with Box #4 checked, even if more than one reason is checked, and all "after hours" Log pages.

If paper or optical scan/marksense **ballot supplies** are running low, the Chief Officer should request additional ballots from the Electoral Board, and follow procedures for use of the *Authorization to Reproduce Ballots* form and process if so authorized.

If supplies of **provisional ballot envelopes** are running low, the envelope can be reproduced by copying an unused front and back of the envelope onto a single sheet of paper (it does **not** have to be green paper) and wrapping the completed "envelope" around the voter's completed ballot. Secure the ballot within the "envelope" by whatever means is available, being careful not to damage the ballot, and leaving the completed information on the "envelope" visible.